Computer Aids Officers To Spot 'Wanted' Drivers

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Noticing a 1967 Buick as it sped down the San Bernardino Freeway toward Los Angeles, the police officer flipped on his red light and siren and motioned the vehicle over to the shoulder.

"Driver's license, please," said the officer as he confronted the driver. Jotting down the automobile plate number, he went back to the patrol car, radioed the information to the police dispatcher. Within seconds, the dispatcher was back on the line, informing the officer that neither the car nor driver was wanted for any crime.

The officer issued a routine citation for speeding and was on his way again.

The speed and accuracy with which this event took place are due to a new weapon now in use by law enforcement agencies throughout California. Called the California Law Enforcement Telecommunications System (CLETS), the $5 million system is the nation's most modern computerized law enforcement communications network.

More than 450 law enforcement agencies are linked to computerized crime files in Sacramento and Washington, D.C. The nerve center of the system is a complex of four high-speed RCA Spectra 70-46 computers in Los Angeles and Sacramento that direct a daily flow of 35,000 messages over a special 20,000-mile transmission line network with more than 1,000 terminals.

The high-speed CLETS system allows any urban or rural law enforcement agency to obtain instant information on wanted persons, stolen or lost property, firearms, and stolen vehicles. In addition one agency can broadcast a message to all other agencies within the state or to combinations of agencies.

The CLETS network replaces the cumbersome and slow State Teletypewriter System established in 1931. The manual system handled more than 3 million messages a year.

The system links California law enforcement agencies to computer data banks at the California Department of Justice.

QUICK CHECK—California Law Enforcement Tele-communications System (CLETS) allows instant identification and verification of individuals and property. In demonstration, officer takes driver's license (Upper left), relays information to dispatcher (upper right) who feeds information to computer headquarters (lower left). Information is fed back to dispatcher and then to officer who learns suspect is wanted and makes arrest.

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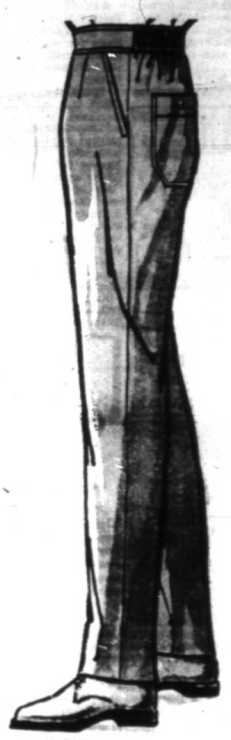

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Mother of Three Earns BS Degree

MILWAUKEE, Wis. (AP) — "I'm not saying it's easy, but it's possible," says Jennie Blumenfield about her long quest for learning. Mrs. Blumenfield, the mother of three grown children, graduated this spring from the University of Wisconsin Milwaukee.

She started her college education at the Milwaukee State Normal School, a predecessor of UWM, and received a teaching diploma from there in 1924. From 1928 to 1944 she took courses from the Extension Division of the University of Wisconsin. Then in 1968 she entered the UWM School of Social Welfare. She graduated with 100 more credits and hours than actually needed for her bachelor of science degree in social welfare.

At the same time, Mrs. Blumenfield worked to support herself and her children for 19 years as an office manager, and for the past five years as a clerk typist for the Milwaukee County Courthouse, Family Support Division.

"I don't know how to take it easy," says Mrs. Blumenfield, who hopes to start graduate work in the fall. "I never did."

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Sons Get Gold Fever From Dad

DAHLONEGA, Ga. (UPI)—E. E. Crisson's beard-ache was a gleaming yellow dream that was always an untapped, untouchable reality.

He dreamed of a rich vein of gold 30 feet down in soft, sandy clay in the Georgia mountains—a rolling rocky country cut through by the Midas touch.

Crisson, who owned 40 acres of thin country 60 years ago, tunneled several hundred feet on an angle from the side of a ridge and sliced into the vein, only to have the earth collapse on top of his strike and bury his dream under tons of dirt.

For more than half a century, Crisson dreamed of this land and passed his dreams onto his son Reese, [illegible] Reese's sons, Leroy, R. L. and Johnny.

Fever Catches Up

The fever finally caught up the sons of Reese Crisson. The brothers pooled their resources, abandoned for the most part their jobs, and sank their lives and futures in their grandfather's flooded mine shaft.

Less than a week ago, the illegal secret became a cry that has launched more than a dozen gold rushes here alone in the past 150 years.

"Gold! The Crisson's struck it rich."

Whether they actually struck it rich depends on the final verdict from the assayer, who recently took samples from throughout the Crisson property.

"There is some gold there," acknowledged Jesse Axtell, head of the Georgia Department of Mines, Mining and Geology, "but we won't know how valuable it is until our reports are complete" in about 10 days.

Crissons Buoyed Up

But the Crissons, aged 42, 39 and 39, are buoyed up by their find.

"We've had no one who knows anything about it who has said anything but we've hit it," yelled sinewy, 39-year-old R. L. Crisson. They all say it's a rich one.

Mrs. Amy Trammell, who with her husband panned a nearby mine for 35 years until her husband's death several years ago and say they made a comfortable living, is as excited as anyone about the prospect of the Crisson's opening a commercial mining operation.

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